



**Peace Dale**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

261 Columbia Street  
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March 26, 2026

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## Parades and Humility

Mark 11: 1-11

What was your favorite parade? Would you mind sharing that with the congregation on Sunday? This Sunday is Palm Sunday and reading the story from Mark's Gospel, we'll consider this important event and what it might mean for us these days, especially in terms of following such a humble rabbi - such a humble Savior. What are you focused on? How closely are you following Christ?

Let's get ready, not only for Sunday worship and not only for the parade, but also for the week to come. I'll see you soon!

Shalom, Brother Fred

## Join Us for Easter Week Services

### Palm Sunday, March 29

10 AM – Traditional Worship

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

6 PM – Soup & Bread

6:30 PM – Worship Service  
with Communion

### Easter Sunday, April 5

7 AM – Sunrise (outdoors)

9 AM – Contemporary Worship

11 AM – Traditional Worship

*(no Communion Easter Sunday)*

*(no coffee hour Easter Sunday)*

## Bring Friends & Neighbors to the Eggstravaganza!

# Eggstravaganza

A HOPPING good time



## March 28

## 11-2

## Peace Dale Church

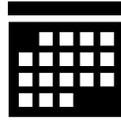
**Everyone is welcome.**

Rain or shine! If it is cold or rainy, we will move inside.

Festivities include: Egg hunt & egg drop, Face painting, Giant inflatable photo ops, Painting with eggs, Bunny bowling, Baby chick beach balls,

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On the Calendar

**Saturday, March 28**  
 @ 11a-2p Children’s  
 Eggstravaganza

**Sunday, March 29** @  
 10am Palm Sunday  
 Traditional Worship

**Thursday, April 2** @  
 6pm Maundy  
 Thursday

**Sunday, April 5** @ 7,  
 9 & 11 AM Easter

**Sunday, April 12** @  
 10am Contemporary  
 Worship

**Sunday, April 12**  
 new member class  
 after worship

Mondays @ 6:30pm  
 NA Meeting – Learn to Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer  
 Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA  
 Meeting

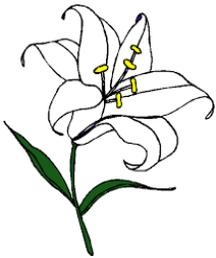
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell  
 Choir rehearsals

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl  
 Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm  
 Contemporary Choir reh.

Thursdays @ 7:30pm  
 Traditional Choir rehearsal

EASTER LILIES



If you wish to donate lilies to decorate our church sanctuary for the Easter season, please complete the order form below and return it to the church office with your payment by **March 26, 2026**. The suggested donation is **\$15**. After Easter Services, deacons will deliver the plants to our members who are homebound, are over age 85, or who recently experienced a loss or illness. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking it.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  In celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

What to do with your lily after Easter Sunday worship?

I want to take the plant home with me.

I will deliver the plant to: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to leave the plant at church for someone else to deliver

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Collection 3/29

Our fifth-Sunday special missions collection will be for One Great Hour of Sharing. On Easter Sunday in 1949, on nationwide radio, Christians were challenged to donate one million dollars in one hour to help people devastated by the aftermath of World War II. Faithful Christians answered the challenge and the goal was met. That was the beginning of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Our world has changed since 1949, but human needs remain. Since 1949, the season of Lent has been one in which churches across denominations, including the United Church of Christ, have practiced the spiritual discipline of giving by participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to help neighbors near and far, carrying God's message of love and hope to people in crisis.

Today, OGHS has expanded its mission to support domestic and international development, fight poverty and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war or ravaged by national disaster, advocate and offer resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, disaster, illiteracy and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.

OGHS provides funding and hands-on assistance in collaboration with hundreds of local and international partners that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is administered through Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. The partnership that we share with nearly 6,000 UCC congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico channels more than three million dollars annually through OGHS to humanitarian needs around the world. [ucc.org/global-hope](http://ucc.org/global-hope)

## Worship Flowers



The Sanctuary flowers of March 29 are given to the glory of God in celebration of Spring.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply give to the glory of God. **If you are interested in donating Sanctuary flowers** for April, please contact Lynn McCall.

## Help Deliver Easter Flowers

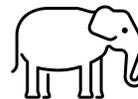


The Easter flowers from the Sanctuary will be delivered to members of our congregation who are experienced adults (over 85), have recently lost a loved one, or experienced illness or challenge. Deacons have a list and addresses.

**If you are interested in delivering a flower**, please SIGN

UP in Fellowship Hall or CALL Sue Blackerby at (401) 662-7035. Flowers may be taken after the 11am Easter service or any time in the following days.

## White Elephants



The Spring Sale will be Sat. 5/2. If you have summer toys, beach items or decoratives to donate please send them along by Friday 4/24. Many thanks for your overstocks. We love them!

## NEW WORK DAYS

Thurs. 3/26 from 10 - 11:30 AM

Wed. 4/8 from 9:30 - 11 AM



## Plan Ahead – Spring Sale

Save the Date!  
May 2

## Help Needed



HELP WITH 3rd Sunday Hospitality, PLEASE. Jane & Steve Stabile and Kim Picard invite you to join our team to provide food and beverages on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

This would involve bringing at least one food item and helping to put out the food Sunday morning and clean up. S&J do the set up alone on Saturday.

It's a great way to make friends and foster fellowship at PDCC. Contact [steve.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:steve.stabile@outlook.com)

## New Member Class 4/12

Are you interested in Joining PDCC & our Faith Family There will be a new member "class" after worship on **Sunday, April 12** (1.5 hour to meet others wishing to join and to discuss topics such as who are PDCC and what does it mean to be UCC).

If you would like to consider joining and *have not already filled out a pew card* telling us this, please talk with Pastor Fred, fill out a pew card, or contact the [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)

## Come Sing or Ring with Us!



Our **singers** welcome you! Rehearsals are Thursday 6pm for Praise Team and 7:30pm for Traditional Choir.

Our **bell ringers** welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Practice Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.



Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)

## Once-a-Month Singers

Do you want to express yourself through singing? Please join us for **family service the fourth Sunday of each month**. Enthusiasm



encouraged, super singers - not so much, we appreciate everyone. You don't have to read music. We know these tunes. **CONTACT** [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) for music videos, lyrics and info.

## Exciting Food Times in the Neighborhood

With this week's opening of the Kitchen of Hope, located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, a warm, nutritious meal will be available almost every day of the week to residents in this area. Kitchen of Hope ([kitchenofhope.net](http://kitchenofhope.net)) is adding a Monday meal.

**Monday** **Call (401) 594-9304**  
4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Wakefield

**Tuesday** **Call (401) 594-3031**  
Reserve by Sunday @ 7pm. Sit-down meal at Dinner Table Bistro, Peace Dale Congregational Church (4:30-6pm)

**Wednesday** **Call (401) 594-3812**  
4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at Peace Dale Congregational Church, Wakefield

**Friday** **Call (401) 594-9304**  
4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Wakefield

**Sunday**  
Last Sunday each month, 6pm at Kingston Congregational Church, Kingston. All other Sundays, 5pm at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Wakefield.

## Got Unwanted Greeting Cards?



Outside the office is a cardboard box for you to put greeting cards or note cards in – it is next to the spinning display of cards.

We collect and make cards available in hopes that people who need free cards may use them. And it keeps them out of the landfill. Submitted by Gabby Klensch

## Social Justice in Action



For THIS WEEK'S list of events and opportunities, check out the [Social Justice Committee info](#) on the Missions or Groups section of our PDCC website. Submitted by Joanne Haynes.

# Celebrating Earth Day Fri. 4/24, 2026

7 PM at Peace Dale Congregational Church



Answers you can trust to questions you may have

## Offshore Wind Energy is HERE

### What Does It Mean for Our Ocean, Wildlife & Community?

*Light refreshments will be served*

**Speaker:** Dr. Barbara Sullivan-Watts – Senior Marine Research Scientist (Emerita), URI; Co-author, *RealOffshoreWind.com*

More than 100 offshore wind turbines are now generating power for Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts—but what are the broader impacts?

Join us for a **science-based discussion** exploring key questions:

- *How effective is offshore wind as a renewable energy source?*
- *What are the impacts on whales, fish, birds, and marine ecosystems?*
- *How might this development affect local communities and fisheries?*

Drawing on decades of research and the latest findings from the U.S. and Europe, Dr. Sullivan-Watts will offer a **clear, balanced perspective** on both the benefits and concerns of offshore wind development.

Sponsored by PDCC Green Team



# REPAIR FAIR

The Town of South Kingstown Public Library and Recycling Coordinator are hosting a “**Repair Fair.**” Give your broken or damaged items new life and keep them out of the landfill by bringing them to be fixed by skilled volunteers. Items can be electronics, jewelry, bikes, small appliances, furniture, clothing, and more. Sign up for a time slot by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SKrepairfair>, scanning the QR code, or calling 401.783.8254 x4303.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

REDUCING LANDFILL WASTE

# 05.09.2026

LOCATION:  
SOUTH KINGSTOWN RECREATION CENTER  
30 ST DOMINIC RD, SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



## Join PDCC Green Team!

For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the “Green Team”, please contact George Faucher at [glfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)

## March Mission of the Month: Welcome House

The Welcome House of South County is a long-standing nonprofit homeless services organization in Peace Dale, Rhode Island. It was established in 1987 with the goal of addressing homelessness in Washington ("South") County. Serving the community for nearly four decades, the organization has operated an emergency shelter and expanded services to include a soup kitchen, transitional housing, and supportive services for individuals in need. Over the years, Welcome House has become a trusted local resource for those experiencing crisis, helping hundreds of people with shelter, meals, and pathways toward stable living situations.

In 2022, Welcome House became part of the broader WARM Center network (Westerly area) which helped strengthen its programs while keeping its core mission intact and continuing the compassionate services the community has relied on. ([warmcenter.org/welcome-house/](http://warmcenter.org/welcome-house/))

The mission of Welcome House is to end homelessness and support people in finding stability and dignity. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, it provides:

- Emergency shelter with safe, sober accommodations for adults in crisis.
- A soup kitchen that has served thousands of meals annually to those in need.
- Transitional housing and case management services designed to help individuals move toward permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Through these services, Welcome House works to offer safety, support, and opportunities for long-term stability to people facing homelessness, treating each person with respect and dignity as they work toward rebuilding their lives.

Thank you for your generosity, The Missions Board  
[www.peacedalechurch.org/missions](http://www.peacedalechurch.org/missions)

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Welcome House with your Mission of the Month donations in March. Donate by 1) placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service, 2) sending a check to the church office @ 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879, **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Welcome House" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online ([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)).

**Give now**

## Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays



Bistro sit-down community dinners in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

We really have a **need for additional volunteers** for the Bistro. It **does not need to be an every-week commitment**.

The Bistro serves approximately 35 guests at tables, much like a restaurant. We need help to prepare and cook the meal, prepare salads, serve patrons (salad, dinner, dessert, coffee and tea), as well as cleanup and dishwashing. We also have a volunteer to make individual desserts. If you can help out, or are interested, but want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) 401 789-7313

## Thursday Knit and Crochet

**COME!** Our Prayer Shawl makers are meeting together with the I Care Shawl Project makers every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room. All knitters and crocheters welcome! We can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc. **CONTACT** (401) 580-1712



**DONATE** – Prayer Shawl/I Care Shawl Project will gladly accept donations of yarn, knitting needles, or crochet hooks.

**CANCER COMFORT** – The I Care Shawl Project is working with Brown Health Cancer Center in East Greenwich to comfort those going through chemotherapy.

**MULTI-GENERATIONAL** – Last week we had 11 adults and 5 high school students.



# Tabitha's Closet Open for Spring

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 4-7pm

**WE NEED...** At this time, we particularly need spring and summer men's clothes and children's clothes. Thank you.

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. **Get what you need, pay what you can.**

**DONATE** We are happy to accept spring and summer items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. Please hold on any not spring/summer clothing donations given our limited storage space. We ask that clothing donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry. We accept shoes that are new or lightly-used. See [peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org) for a list of what we do and do not accept.

## TABITHA SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY

We serve people every week whose need exceeds their ability to pay and who are happy to gain new-to-them clothing and shoes. We also have shoppers who contribute the full "ticket price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners.

We are reinvesting the money raised to support social services in our community – such as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Church World Service Kits, Peace Dale Dinner Table, Gratitude Tree w Jonnycake Center, Tri County Community Action Agency, and Youth LGBTQ Closet (Youth Pride RI).

**VOLUNTEER!!** We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact [tabitha@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:tabitha@peacedalechurch.org)

## MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We are looking for volunteers for a morning from 9-11 am. If we can recruit enough interest, we will establish a morning weekly session. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at [tabitha@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:tabitha@peacedalechurch.org)

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#shoptabithascloset.

IT IS OUR IRISH SPRING  
EVENT!  
TRY YOUR LUCK  
WITH OUR  
SELECT-A-SHAMROCK  
SPECIAL!  
MARCH 14, 21, 28

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GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!  
SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
OPEN SATURDAYS 9:30AM- 12:30PM,  
3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS 4-7PM  
\*SUGGESTED DONATION

TABITHA'S CLOSET  
GENTLY USED CLOTHING

## An Invitation from Our Unitarian Universalist Congregation Friends

Click poster to be connected to the QR link.

### Zydeco Spring Dance



# Planet Zydeco

March 29, 3 to 6 pm, doors open at 2:30

27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI

Tickets \$25

Join Planet Zydeco to swing into spring and experience the authentic sounds and rhythms of Louisiana. With over two decades on the northeast festival and dance circuits, they will get you up and moving! The talented lineup includes Cannon Labrie on accordion, Gary Graeff on guitar, Michelle Kaminsky on fiddle, Alan Bradbury on bass, Jack Ezikovich on drums, and Bonita Weisman on rubboard. Michelle will be teaching the basic moves at 3 pm, so come and join the fun.

Tickets \$25, available through our QR Code, at the door, cash, or checks: payable to UUCSC-Zydeco in the memo line.



# You are part of God's story

### 2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

#### March: You Can Make a Difference

- Sunday 1 Youth Connect 10 AM  
- Join the scramble: Plan our biggest Eggstravaganza and Egg Drop yet!
- Sunday 8 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Saturday 14 Youth Group Homelessness Awareness Sleepover 7 PM
- Sunday 15 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Sunday 22 Family Service: The Good Samaritan 10 AM
- Saturday 28 Eggstravaganza 11 AM to 2 PM
- Sunday 29 Youth Connect 10 AM  
- Join our Palm Sunday procession and create a community sidewalk art gallery for Easter

#### April: You Were Created for a Purpose

- Sunday 5 Easter Sunday
- Sunday 12 Youth Connect 10 AM  
- Take charge! Plan our 2026 Earth Day Celebration
- Sunday 19 Spring Break: No Youth Connect  
BIG Beach Cleanup Time TBD
- Sunday 26 Family Service: The Sower of the Seed 10 AM  
Earth Day Celebration 11 AM to 12 PM

#### May: Jesus Is Always With You

- Sunday 3 Youth Connect 10 AM  
- Create Flower Bouquets for Moms
- Sunday 10 Happy Mother's Day: No Youth Connect
- Sunday 17 Youth Connect End-of-the-Year Celebration: Breakfast with Jesus 10 AM

## Congregational Care: Caring for Each Other

**WE NEED YOU!** Congregational care has always been one of the most important missions of Peace Dale Congregational Church and we need you. There are three ways you can enhance this very important part of our church family's mission:

1. **JOIN.** Join the Prayer Circle (meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church's community lounge on the third floor) or the Prayer Shawl Group that meets once a month (Carol Edwards is there to teach knitting and crocheting if you want to learn).
2. **DO.** If you can help with any of the following efforts to provide a special sense of support or just a caring thought, please let us know:
  - send cards,
  - make phone calls,
  - deliver flowers or prayer shawl,
  - visit someone.
3. **SHARE.** Let someone on Prayer Circle (listed below) know of anyone you think could use prayers, a prayer shawl, a card, a phone call, or a visit, so we can fulfill a thoughtful caring gesture. Prayers can also be requested in church during Joys and Concerns or using the colorful pew cards; or through the [online form](#) on our website.

**LET US KNOW!** Sometimes we do not hear about folks who could use a special extra touch of caring; please let us know if you need our caring.

Shalom with love, Prayer Circle

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

## Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday and let us help you with your shopping.



**You get a card for the full amount *and* every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.**

Use RaiseRight to buy:

- **gift cards** for teachers, service providers, family, birthdays, and special occasions.
- **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc.

**IN STOCK CURRENTLY** – Amazon, Applebee's, Dunkin, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Old Mountain Lanes, Panera, Starbucks, VISA, and Walmart as well as all the local grocery stores.

**PLANNING TO TRAVEL?** RaiseRight offers Airline gift cards, Gas gift cards, and Hotel gift cards. All of these cards can be *special ordered* ahead of time.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

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